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**EDUCATION AWARD ONLY AMERICORPS GRANTS AVAILABLE  
TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY NEEDS**

**RALEIGH** - Gov. Mike Easley today announced that Education Award only AmeriCorps grants are now available for non-profits and government agencies in North Carolina working to address educational, public safety, homeland security, environmental and human service needs. The Commission, a federally funded agency in the Governor's office, will coordinate the distribution of the grants.

"The Education Award only grants are an excellent opportunity for professionals to serve in AmeriCorps programs in North Carolina," Easley said. "These professionals enrich our communities through their mentoring, tutoring and other service activities."

The purpose of the Education Awards Program is to broaden the network of national service programs and strategies and to increase the number of communities using AmeriCorps members. Eligible candidates may include: state commissions; nonprofit organizations; state and local units of government; higher education institutions; and state education agencies.

New applications are due to the Commission by Jan. 20 and continuation applications are due Jan. 30. Applications and complete eligibility requirements are available online at [www.volunteernc.org](http://www.volunteernc.org); or by calling (919) 715-3470 or (800) 820-4483.

Grantees of the award are not required to provide child care, a living allowance or healthcare to participants. Applicant organizations must obtain most or all of the AmeriCorps member and program costs from other non-federal sources. Requests for grants of up to \$400 per full-time member (pro-rated for less than full-time members) to defray a minor portion of program management costs will be considered. The Corporation for National Service in Washington, D.C. will pay the education awards for members who successfully complete service.

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